

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: International Mill or Warkentin Mill	
AND/OR HISTORIC: (1879 - 1886 Monarch Steam Mills)(1886 - Newton Milling & Elevator Co.)	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 3rd and Main Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Newton			
STATE Kansas	CODE 67114	COUNTY: Harvey	CODE 67114

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)   

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNER'S NAME: Marvel Industries Inc.	
STREET AND NUMBER: 3rd and Main Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Newton	STATE: Kansas CODE: 67114

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Deeds Courthouse	
STREET AND NUMBER: 800 North Main Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Newton	STATE: Kansas CODE: 67114

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY: AT&SF (Atchison Topeka And Santa Fe)	
DATE OF SURVEY: May 8, 1885 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: County Engineer	
STREET AND NUMBER: Courthouse 800 North Main Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Newton	STATE: Kansas CODE: 67114

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered*	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

\* Original unit unaltered. Additions were built on to original structure.

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The Monarch Steam Mills were built in 1879. The original building was a 40'x 50' stone and brick structure, having five floors, - a basement and four floors above grade. The building is of heavy timber construction and has been altered through the years on the interior by adding walls and doors in various locations. The first three floors above grade take on the Romanesque style of Architecture with the fourth floor being of French Mansard style, with the material skin of vertical ribbed copper or lead. A brick chimney stack exists to the west of the building about 100' tall. The cost of the original building was \$30,000.00 and would be classified in the Victorian period.

The Mill was sold in 1886 and additions were added presumably at that time. The additions were built to match the existing structure. A one story structure, 30' x 100' was added to the east side, which housed office space; a two story warehouse was added to the north approximately 50' x 120' in size; a one story addition 50' x 100' was added to the west for equipment usage.

The structures are in good sound shape and paving into the building is of brick pavers. The buildings exist on two and one-quarter acres of land.

The original Newton Land Office occupies a position on this same piece of property. This structure was presumably built around 1871 and is approximately 20' x 30' in size, being one story in height. This building has not changed any in structure, however different room arrangements have taken place throughout the years. The brick and timber structure is in good shape and could be restored easily. 1

### 3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1879 enlarged 1886

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry  | losophy   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture  | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention            | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | Architecture                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-            |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature           | itarian   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation           |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Built in 1879

The Monarch Steam Mills - one of the first mills to be converted to a full roller mill. This took place in 1883. Bernhard Warkentin purchased this mill in 1886, calling it the Newton Milling and Elevator Co. There is a great story to be told about wheat and flour milling in the United States, and the proposed use of a portion of this structure is for a Wheat Museum.

"Bernhard Warkentin is a famous name in the wheat annals of the nation. It was he who led the great Mennonite migration into Kansas during the early 1870's, and the Mennonites brought Turkey Red seed wheat with them from Southern Russia. After the superiority of this variety was established, he imported large quantities of seed for distribution in the area where his flour mills were located. Turkey Red became one of the foremost factors in the creation of the hard winter empire of the Southwest." <sup>2</sup>

"The chain of events that in the course of time established hard winter as the most extensive class of wheat in the United States began when Bernhard Warkentin set his feet on Kansas soil and urged his fellow Mennonites to follow.

The career of Bernhard Warkentin serves to exemplify a statement once made by Thomas Jefferson. Said the Sage of Monticello, "The greatest service which can be rendered to any country is to add a useful plant to its culture, especially a bread grain." <sup>2</sup>

"No other Mennonite pioneer of the prairie states has become as well known as Bernhard Warkentin. There is hardly a book or an article on the agriculture and milling industry in Kansas that does not refer to him or give him credit for the introduction of the hard winter wheat to Kansas. And yet thus far we have no thorough study of his life, his activities, and contributions based on all available sources. Fortunately, many of the documents pertaining to his life and activities have been preserved and - are awaiting the day when a biographer will make use of them." <sup>3</sup>

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1 Keith Rhoades - Kansas Licensed Architect
- 2 "The Saga of Bernhard Warkentin" - by Herman Steen, (Retrd. Exec. Vice-President National Millers Federation) Article in The Southwestern Miller - August 19, 1969
- 3 "Some Letters of Bernhard Warkentin" Edited by Cornelius Krahn  
Introduction  
Article published in The Pennonite Quarterly Review, Vol. xxiv, July 1950  
Number three

# 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"		
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"		
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"		
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2.286 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Phyllis Steinkirchner, Pres. Preservation of Kansas Landmarks (Inc. filed)

ORGANIZATION: Preservation of Kansas Landmarks

DATE: Oct. 24, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:  
316 East Ninth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Newton

STATE: Kansas

CODE: 15 67114

# 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name Nyle H. Miller

Title Liaison Officer for Kansas

Date 10/27/69

# NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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